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TO AMCONSUL BOMBAY NIACT IMMEDIATE

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FOR CONSULS GENERAL FROM SCHNEIDER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR IN

SUBJECT: INDIAN ELECTIONS

REF: CALCUTTA 0686

1. AS CONGEN CALCUTTA HAS ALREADY POINTED OUT, THERE WILL NOW BE A PERIOD OF DAYS OR WEEKS DURING WHICH VERY EXTENSIVE POLITICAL MANEUVERING WILL TAKE PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH FORMING A GOVERNMENT AND REORDERING THE ALIGNMENTS OF INDIAN POLITICS. WHILE THE EMBASSY WILL, OF COURSE, BE ESTABLISHING RELATIONSHIPS WITH JANATA LEADERS, IT CONTINUES TO BE IMPORTANT THAT WE GIVE NO INDICATION THAT THE USG IS IN ANY WAY INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS OF GOVERNMENT FORMATION. THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO EXERCISE CAUTION IN REGARD TO YOUR ACTIVITIES IN THE POLITICAL AREA. I LEAVE TO YOUR DISCRETION TO DETERMINE WHICH ACTIVITIES ARE JUSTIFIED IN ORDER FOR US TO KEEP INFORMED REGARDING POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND WHICH WOULD INVOLVE TOO MUCH RISK OF STIMULATING
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SUSPICIONS OF US INVOLVEMENT.

2. WE SHOULD AVOID COMMENTS TO THE PRESS OR INDIAN CONTACTS WHICH SUGGEST OR IMPLY THAT THE US SUPPORTED THE OPPOSITION DURING THE ELECTION. WE HAVE, OF COURSE, REFRAINED FROM TAKING ANY POSITION. IF QUERIED, WE SHOULD LIMIT OURSELVES TO THE POSITION ALREADY STATED IN WASHINGTON OF WELCOMING THE DEMOCRATIC

ELECTION PROCESS. I PREFER, HOWEVER, THAT THE FIRST
COMMENT ON THIS COME FROM WASHINGTON AND THAT WE THEN STICK
TO THE WASHINGTON LINE.
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